

## LOOKS LIKE POISONING.

**Phil McManus and Frank Wright Die Under Peculiar Circumstances**

**POST MORTEM EXAMINATION SHOWS SIGNS OF POISON.**

**The Two Men Were Brothers-in-Law. Married Daughters of W. R. Brown.**

Philip McManus, a miner employed by the St. Bernard Mining Company, about thirty years of age, died at his home near this place Tuesday morning under peculiar circumstances. He had been sick about four days. Almost immediately after he was stricken his family called a physician and everything that medical skill and science could do was done for him, but without success. It is stated that two days before his death he turned scarlet and after death a purple color. The disease and symptoms were so rare and peculiar that the physicians in attendance suggested to the family an autopsy be held to ascertain if possible the cause of his death. This was agreed to by them and the autopsy was held Tuesday evening.

As a result of the autopsy, which was held by Doctors Sisk and Chatten, the physicians were convinced that McManus had come to his death through the action of some corrosive poisoning. The peculiar pathological conditions existing in the stomach and intestines indicated this. Arsenic is one of the poisons that would have produced these conditions.

The physicians told the family they were of the opinion that McManus had been poisoned but that the fact could not be established without a chemical analysis. Dr. Sisk also notified County Attorney Laffoon of the result of the autopsy as stated and the investigation of the case is in the hands of the county authorities. The remains of the deceased were interred in Earlington Cemetery yesterday afternoon.

Two weeks ago Frank Wright died in the same way, was ill about the same length of time and was affected with the same symptoms. The two men were brothers-in-law, having both married daughters of Mr. W. R. Brown, whose home is at the old Nisbet place on the Earlington and Madisonville road. Both Wright and McManus lived in houses owned by the Buckner brothers on their lands east of Earlington and the homes of the two men were about one-half mile apart. There is much speculation and many rumors about the two cases but nothing definite in the form of a clue or well grounded suspicion seems to have come to the surface. Neither of the victims were known to have any enemies. Both have always been good citizens and honest, hardworking men, but neither was especially robust. McManus has not been well for some time but went to work last Friday morning and became ill while in the mine. Mrs. McManus and three children survive him. His father, Charlie McManus, of Dallas, Texas, formerly lived here and may now be on his way to Kentucky in answer to a telegram sent before his son's death. Mr. and Mrs. Phil McManus had expected to go to Texas to live, thinking his health might improve, and had already made some preparation in the past few months to that end. Mrs. Mc-

Manus, who has never been strong, is almost prostrated with grief and the effects of her constant nursing during the illness of her husband.

**EMILY LINDSAY SQUIER.**

**The Wonderful Child Elocutionist and Impersonator.**

Will give one of her entertainments at the M. E. Church, South, March 30, 1904, for the benefit of the church.

Emily Squier is only 10 year old and has appeared in many large cities at leading Chautauqua assemblies of the country. The people of Earlington will be given a great treat in this entertainment and all should take advantage of the opportunity to go.

The admission is reasonable: Adults 25c; children 15c.

**FRANK A. LUCAS**

**Says He Will Ignore Auditor Hager Instructions.**

Frankfort, Ky., March 22.—In a letter addressed to Auditor Hager, State Revenue Agent Frank A. Lucas says that he will ignore the communication he received several days ago, and will proceed to prosecute his suits against the banks over the State for back taxes. Mr. Lucas claims that the Auditor is in no way responsible for the suits, as he gets his authority from the statutes, and not from the Auditor. He claims that nowhere in the law is the Auditor given the power to direct his action in the collection of delinquent taxes.

**LIQUOR SELLING.**

**Barnsley Vendor Arrested by Deputy Sheriff and Taken to Madisonville.**

Deputy Sheriff Powers passed through Earlington Tuesday morning, having in custody Sam Wilson, of Barnsley, whom he had arrested upon charge of liquor selling. Deputy Powers was armed with nine bench warrants covering as many indictments. The amount of bond in each case was stated in the warrant to be \$450. He said it was probable a hearing would be had this week before the county judge and an opportunity given to furnish the required bond.

**THE EVENT OF THE AMUSEMENT SEASON.**

**Hi Henry's Big City Minstrels Secured for a Date March 26, Afternoon and Night.**

Earlington is to be honored with two performances by Hi Henry's Famous Minstrels on Saturday, March 26, matinee and night.

Briefly stated, Hi Henry's Minstrels constitute the oldest and largest organization in the world. Its career is one of the most successful ever known in minstrelsy. Its career is one of the most successful ever known in minstrelsy. It has played the leading houses of all the larger cities. They opened their season in New York City and was heartily endorsed by public and press as the leaders in their line. Its friends and patrons reach from ocean to ocean and its name is a familiar by-word in a million American homes. Its reliabilities are appreciated, its merits recognized, its quality established and its success is a tribute to a management that has grown gray caring for its patrons.

This attraction seldom plays the smaller cities, occasionally having an open date between the larger cities, caused by cancelling poor towns, which was the case here. Our hustling manager, Walter McGary, hearing of the date being open immediately communicated with Mr. Henry and by extraordinary inducement secured the date. Make no mistake, this is positively the same show and cast that has appeared in New York City, Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia, Washington, and recently Richmond, Chattanooga, Knoxville and Indianapolis. Seats now on sale at St. Bernard Store.

## COL. SMITH DEAD.

**Commanding Officer of Third Kentucky Regiment, Prominent Business Man and Knight Templar.**

**PASSES AWAY AFTER LONG ILLNESS OF BRIGHT'S DISEASE.**

Col. Thos. J. Smith, of Bowling Green, died at his home Monday morning of Bright's disease, after a long illness. He was sixty-one years old and leaves his wife and nine children.

Col. Smith was well known here as he was in most parts of Kentucky. The commanding officer of the Third Regiment, Kentucky State Guard, President of the Citizens' National Bank at Bowling Green, Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery Kentucky Knights Templar, and a leader in business affairs in his home city for several decades, Col. Smith was known and esteemed by a multitude of friends throughout the State.

In the State Guard service Col. Smith had come up from the ranks and was identified with that organization for twenty-five years. He was in command of the Third regiment during the Spanish-American war.

The funeral was held Tuesday morning and was attended by prominent Masons and military friends from all over Kentucky.

Capt. Paul P. Price, of this place, who was second lieutenant in company A, Third regiment, when the Spanish-American war broke out, and Capt. Walter Powers, of company E, Madisonville, and both staunch friends and admirers of Col. Smith were among those who attended the funeral.

The funeral was in charge of Lieut.-Col. Jouett Henry, of Hopkinsville. The Bowling Green and Russellville military companies acted as escort.

Col. Smith was inspecting officer for St. Bernard and Madisonville commanderies, Knights Templar, for the past two years but on each occasion was forced to send a substitute on account of ill health. He had asked this year that another be named in his stead to inspect the commanderies at Sturgis and one other point.

**Tennessee Central Goes Into the Hands of a Receiver.**

The Tennessee Central Railroad, which was placed in the hands of a receiver last week, is said to be in debt about \$2,000,000. Its troubles are due to the failure to get the \$1,000,000 subsidy from Nashville, which is tied up by litigation. The road may have to be sold and it is generally believed that the I. C. stands ready to buy the line from Hopkinsville to Nashville. Being a competing line, the L. & N. cannot buy it, at least the Kentucky end of it.

**NO PASSES**

**For Employees of the Following Roads to St. Louis During World's Fair.**

The Illinois Central, Chicago & Alton, Wabash & Chicago, N. C. & St. L., and Eastern Illinois railroad officials have decided that no passes or free transportation will be issued to employees or members of their families wishing to visit the World's Fair. They will have to pay at least half fare if they go. A very large number of the passes were issued to railroad employees who went to the Buffalo Exposition.

**RAILROAD AGENT SHOT.**

**Struggle in the Darkness Between the Agent and the Burglar.**

The I. C. depot at Cerulean Springs was robbed at an early hour Saturday morning and the agent, C. L. Layman, so badly injured that he was taken to Paducah and put in the I. C. Hospital. Mr. Layman gives this account of his struggle in the darkness.

"I sleep in the office at Cerulean Springs, which is in the I. C. depot and away from the town proper. I came back to the station about 1:30 o'clock this morning and went to bed in the front room. I had hardly laid down when I heard a noise in the back room. I jumped up and started for my revolver, which was in the rear room, when in the darkness I bumped into the robber. He fired once, striking me in the arm, and then ran.

"As soon as I could strike a light I made an examination and found that he had forced an entrance to the money drawer and stolen \$200. The room was badly disarranged and it may be that something else was taken, but of that I am not certain.

"I believe from the glance I had of the man that he was a negro. He had evidently been in the building some time."

A vessel drawing ten feet rises two inches in passing from fresh water to salt water.

A seat on the New York stock exchange has sold for \$60,000, a decline of \$22,000.

## MINING NOTES.

**BIG COAL COMPANY**

**Formed in Muhlenburg County By Local Capitalists.**

Greenville, Ky., March 17.—One of the most important moves for the development of Muhlenburg's resources has just been made by the incorporation of the W. A. Wickliffe Coal Company. The capital stock is \$100,000 and is all held by local capitalists. The company owns 10,000 acres of fine coal lands in the eastern part of the county, extending from the Owensboro and Nashville railroad to the Green river. A shaft will be sunk at the new town of Browder, on the railroad, and \$40,000 will be expended in improving this spring and summer. The officers are: W. A. Wickliffe, president; Lewis Reno vice president; L. Z. Kirkpatrick, superintendent; J. E. Reynolds, secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Lawson Miles is visiting relatives in Hopkinsville this week.

Henry Magenheimer visited his brother at St. Charles Monday.

Henry Lawson, who has been employed by the St. Bernard Mining Company, has resigned to accept a position with the L. & N. R. R.

Mr. William Lacy, foreman of the Daniel Boone mine near St. Charles, visited his sister, Mrs. John Larmouth, one day last week.

Mr. Robert Longstaff is acting foreman at the Daniel Boone mine this week while Foreman Lacy is off this week.

Foreman Toombs and crew moved the scales from the Barnsley mine to the No. 11 mine last week and are putting them in place at that mine this week. The scales that have been in use

## CHURCH TROUBLE.

**Pastor Entered Through a Window and Opened Door With Poker.**

**SALOON QUESTION CAUSE OF TROUBLE.**

At the East Meade Baptist church, Louisville, Sunday morning the pastor, Rev. Chas. Leonard, with the assistance of a detachment of police, a small boy and a poker effected an entrance into and gained possession of the church building, where he proceeded to hold services. A faction of the congregation who have come to be called the "liberals" had held possession of the church building and refused to permit the pastor to enter. The pastor is the head of the other faction, known now as the "anti-saloonists," and the trouble is said to have arisen out of the strenuous opposition of the pastor to the location of a saloon near the church. The opposition allege there is more in the scrap than the pastor's fight against the saloon and even assail the methods used by the minister in his secret service tactics while he was making that fight.

Sunday morning the police were on hand to prevent trouble. A small boy on the shoulder of a blue coat broke out a cracked window glass and unlocked the window. The Rev. Leonard entered the window and opened the barricaded door by the aid of a poker. He then held Sunday school and afterwards preached and for the day was in the saddle. Threats are made to take the matter into the courts and there is so much bad blood in evidence, according to reports published, that a reconciliation of the factions seems a very remote possibility.

at No. 11 mine will be taken to the Barnsley mine.

The No. 11 mine is idle this week on account of work being done on the scales there.

Glen Turner, who has been very ill with the measles, is improving slowly.

The Dixon Journal says:

The mining question is still of great interest, the L. & N. R. R. is being built from Nebo to Bailey's mines, a distance of 2 miles south of Nebo. A large store house has been built at that point and a great many buildings are in progress. A new shaft is also being sunk at Madisonville inside the incorporated limits.

Sixteen hundred acres of coal land in the vicinity of Mineral Springs, Ala., on the Louisville and Nashville R. R., have been sold to a party of New York men whose names are not given, and four openings are now being made on the property under the direction of P. C. Burton. Three hundred men are employed and it is intended to force the production to 1,000 tons a day in a comparatively short time.—Nashville American.

The largest lump of coal ever mined in the west has been shipped from South McAlester I. T., to St. Louis, to be placed on exhibit at the World's Fair as a part of the Indian Territory coal exhibit. The lump measures 4 by 5 feet, and is almost as smooth as if it had been chiseled. In taking it from the mine more than a foot of the block was removed in order to get it through the mouth of the slope. Its weight is exactly 6,500 pounds.—Fuel.

As the expenses of Hi Henry's Big City Minstrels are so great, they will give two shows on Saturday March 26 at the Opera House, at 2:30 p. m. and again at 8:30 p. m., the matinee prices will be special so the children may see this famous company. Prices are for matinee 50 cents; for children 25 cent.

**Appropriations Amounting to \$1,500,000 Made by Legislature.**

When the General Assembly closed Tuesday night it had made appropriations of nearly one and a half million dollars. The appropriations made are: One million dollars for a State Capitol, \$75,000 for the St. Louis Fair, \$57,000 for the Confederate Home, \$75,000 for enlarging the Hopkinsville Asylum, \$22,000 for the Deaf and Dumb Institute at Danville, \$66,000 for the Frankfort and Eddyville penitentiaries, \$2,500 for a monument at Boonesboro, \$3,000 annually for additional clerks in the Auditor's office, \$6,200 annually for the Attorney General's office, 2,100 annually for the clerks of the Appellate Judges, \$200 annually for the State Librarian. Appropriations for A. & M. College, the State Asylums and other public institutions will make the total reach nearly \$1,500,000.

**Gets Life Sentence.**

Hopkinsville, Ky., March 22.—The jury returned a verdict of guilty this morning in the case of Frank Sherman, charged with complicity in the Pembroke murder, and fixed his punishment at life imprisonment. Evidence is now being taken in the cases of Frank Masie and Ed Holland, charged with the same offense.

**Stanley the Only Candidate.**

Hopkinsville, Ky., March 19.—The time for entering the Second district primary election of April 19 closed at noon today. Congressman Stanley is the only announced candidate and under the call the primary will not be held. The District Committee will meet here next Saturday to declare him the nominee.

**Ollie Gets It.**

Paducah, Ky., March 22.—With yesterday the time limit for the entry of candidates for the nomination in the First Congressional district expired. The Hon. Ollie James, the incumbent, being the only man who has qualified for the race, will be declared the nominee by the District Committee.

**James R. Rash.**

The editor of the "On Dit" column of Friday's Courier-Journal grows facetious in regard to Mr. J. R. Rash of our city.

Jas. R. Rash, a coal miner of Earlington, yesterday displayed a small clump of shamrock which had been sent from Erin's native soil. He is a loyal son of the Emerald Isle himself, and spoke with feeling of the hardy, but fragile plant. "The story of the shamrock is a new one to me," he said. "I heard it only today, but it is beautiful just the same. It is said that St. Patrick during his preachings in Ireland at one time wished a homely but forcible illustration of the doctrine of the Trinity which he was preaching. Seeing a sprig of shamrock he plucked it and held it in full view of his hearers. 'Here,' he said, 'you have the three in one—the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.' That was the incident which made St. Patrick the patron saint of the shamrock, as he is also of the entire Irish people."

Mr. Rash is a prominent mine owner of this county and manager of the St. Bernard's store.

The population of Ireland is 4,432,274, and the decrease for the last year has been 16,003.

Two million of London's inhabitants never go to church.

The archbishop of Canterbury takes rank as first peer of the realm.